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Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to December 3, 2003 Final Office Action, with Tab 1, for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following. Since this response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of a final Office Action, it is timely to provoke an Advisory action.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to **call the undersigned before drafting another written communication**, if any.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this communication.

Please amend the application as follows.